Title: Need to conduct a fresh survey to assess the viability of constructing a rail line between Pune and Nasik in Maharashtra. − Laid.

*** SHRI ADHALARAO PATIL SHIVAJI (KHED) : Sir, the survey for construction of railway line between Pune and Nasik was carried out in 2001 for about 265 kms. long line and an amount of Rs.1044 crore was spent on this survey. But the work on the project has not commenced till date. The survey team has projected a wrong route of this line and in their report it has been recommended that this line has negative ROR. Thus, this line was deferred. Sir, I request the Railway Minister, to give personal attention to this demand as the same would go a long way in promoting industrial development, facilitating transportation of agricultural products from my area. There are many sugar factories in the area and trading of onions and potatoes takes place on a large scale in this area. Opening of these new routes will help them immensely in transportation of their products to other parts of the country as well as exporting to foreign countries. This new line will also be beneficial for pilgrims visiting Lenyadri, a revered pilgrim centre in the vicinity.**

I request, Hon'ble Minister of Railways to consider the demand once again and order for conducting fresh survey.

*** Treated as laid on the Table**